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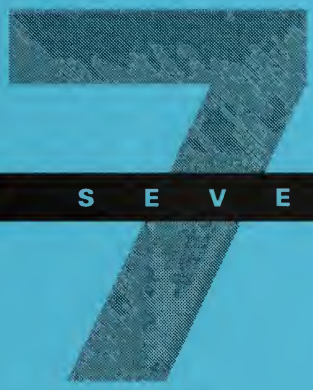

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Message from the
Minister of Education

Alberta Education's Mission Statement–

"The best possible education for all Alberta students"—commits us to an education system that is responsible for ensuring that all students learn the skills and knowledge needed to be self-reliant, responsible, caring and contributing members of society.

We all are partners in our children's education. This series of **Curriculum Handbooks for Parents** represents the excellent results we can achieve in this partnership and was developed so parents would have a clear, concise description of what we expect of students in each course and grade. However, each student is different and will learn and achieve at different rates in different subjects.

Eight school boards worked on the development and writing of these handbooks — Edmonton Public, Edmonton Separate, Elk Island, Sturgeon, St. Albert Protestant, Greater St. Albert Catholic, Sherwood Park Separate and Black Gold (Leduc). Each participating board involved parents and teachers in the development and review of the handbooks.

I would like to express my thanks to the school boards involved in developing these handbooks. I congratulate them on producing an excellent resource, and thank them for their hard work and enormous time investment in the project. I also thank the people involved in the focus groups who reviewed the materials.

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

On behalf of the Catholic Bishops of Alberta, I welcome this opportunity to affirm you in your role as parents in the education of your children and wish to express my appreciation to the Government of Alberta and Alberta Education for this **'Curriculum Handbook for Parents'.**

The Church has always recognized with confidence that you, parents, are the first and primary educators of your children, especially with regards to education in the faith. This is a noble, yet challenging calling that is rightfully yours. Today, therefore, because of the many diverse pressures and influences on our children, your role is vital in working with our schools to continue to provide the best possible education for our children. To those of you who have entrusted your children to a Catholic school be assured that it is with great respect for these facts that we support you in your role. I encourage you to work closely with our Catholic schools by joining the newly formed School Councils or existing parent groups. Be a strong voice for the Catholic identity of schools. In this regard, you will share in a concrete and invaluable way in the central mission of the Church which is to proclaim Jesus and his Gospel in the world today and, in so doing, hand on our faith to our children.

I commend Alberta Education for providing parents with this practical Curriculum Handbook. It is a clear presentation of what parents can expect of our Alberta schools, Public and Catholic, and by its very existence also acknowledges how important you are as parents in your children's education. In it, you will find a comprehensive presentation of the content and expectations of the Religious Education Program written and approved by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. It reflects the essential character of Catholic schools as communities of learning where as an old friend wrote: "...God, God's truth and God's life are integrated into the entire syllabus, curriculum and life of the school."

Let us continue to grow together into Christ.

J.N. MacNeil
Archbishop of Edmonton
President, Alberta Bishops' Conference

Introduction to the Grade 7 Handbook

This handbook provides parents with information about the Grade 7 curriculum—the knowledge, skills and attitudes students are expected to demonstrate when they have completed the Grade 7 curriculum. It is based on the Alberta Education Program of Studies. The handbook includes samples of what students are expected to learn in each subject. The complete curriculum for Grade 7 is available in all Alberta junior high schools.

Introduction

TO THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Alberta Education specifies what all students in Grades 7 to 9 are expected to learn and be able to do. The curriculum is organized into separate subjects or course areas and is designed to enable teachers to make connections across subjects and to develop programming that accommodates a range of student needs. We expect that teaching methods and schedules will vary from school to school and from class to class to meet the diverse learning needs of students.

What Is Curriculum?

Curriculum describes what students are expected to learn. In Alberta, curriculum is developed by Alberta Education and is described in documents called Programs of Study for elementary, junior high and senior high schools.

The curriculum specifies what all students in the province are expected to learn in each subject area at each grade level. It is developed by Alberta Education in consultation with teachers, administrators, parents, representatives from post-secondary institutions, professional and community groups.

Within the context of Catholic schools, the curriculum in all of its aspects—content, the teaching process, and the total school environment—reflects the values of faith, hope, charity, forgiveness and justice as found in the gospels and the message of Jesus Christ as understood by the Catholic church.

Teachers are responsible for using the curriculum to plan their teaching activities and set appropriate levels of challenge according to students' learning needs and abilities. Teachers regularly assess student progress and report to parents, students and school administrators.

As well as being assessed by their teachers, students write provincial achievement tests in Grades 3, 6 and 9. Grade 3 students write achievement tests in language arts and mathematics. Grades 6 and 9 students write achievement tests in language arts, social studies, mathematics and science. The results of these achievement tests are provided to school boards and schools. Parents may ask for their child's test results at their local school.

Information about provincial achievement testing in Grades 3, 6 and 9 is provided in an Alberta Education publication called, "Parent Guide to Provincial Achievement Testing." Individual guides for Grade 3 and for Grade 6 are available in elementary schools. The Grade 9 guide is available in junior high schools. The publications may also be obtained from Alberta Education's Student Evaluation Branch at 427–0010 or toll-free at 310–0000 for callers outside of Edmonton.

In Catholic schools there are many opportunities for integrating gospel values and nurturing the presence of God in our midst within the curriculum. Teachers will determine where religious education and church teaching can be integrated with other subjects.

Religious Education

Religious education is an essential and integral part of the life and culture of a Catholic school. Through it students are invited to develop the knowledge, beliefs, skills, values and attitudes needed to build a relationship with God and community through the person of Jesus Christ. Religious education shares the same goals and objectives set forth for all good education, that is, the growth and development of the whole person in all his or her dimensions—physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual.

Religious Education has four essential characteristics.

It is **Trinitarian.** It recognizes God as the creator of all things who gives us Jesus. It is Jesus who reveals God to us, and in turn reveals God's Spirit, through whom we understand our faith.

It is based on **Sacred Scripture** through which we hear the mystery of God revealed, the call to be in relationship with God and each other, and we learn how to pray.

It is based on the **life experience** of the students through which they are invited to discern signs of God in their daily lives.

It is presented within the tradition of the **Catholic faith community** which, based on Church teachings, sacramental and liturgical life, provides students with experiences of faith, prayer, love and justice.

With an awareness of the uniqueness of each student, and a recognition that religious development takes place through a process of stages, and within a community, it is expected that program presentation will vary from place to place to meet the diverse learning and religious formation needs of all students.

Religious Education Programs for elementary and junior high schools are authorized by the Bishop of the local diocese. Some school districts have developed supplementary resources and adapted the program to better meet local needs.

The themes of the Grade 7 program follow the scriptural themes of Creation, Revelation, Covenant and Redemption in Christ. The students are invited to reflect on the first two articles of the Apostles' Creed as the summation of the faith that has been handed on to us through the church. They study the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures (Old and New Testaments) as the call to become co-creators with God in the responsible stewardship of creation. They learn of God's call to a Christian lifestyle of creedal faith in a praying and sacramental community. Furthermore, from the study of women and men of faith, by the power of the Holy Spirit, they are invited to become faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ. Opportunities are provided to highlight the Catholic liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent in the context of their scriptural roots. The students explore these themes through the study of 10 units:

Unit 1. I...We.

Students are invited to formulate, explore and express their identity in relationship to the larger faith community. They study the basic structure of the Bible and how to locate passages. They are invited to reflect on the Bible as the story of the Christian community and its relationship with God. They reflect on Scripture in history and study the key events in the history of Israel.

Unit 2. We believe in God.

Students explore and express the meaning of believing, and what it means to believe in God. They reflect on Abraham as an example of a person whose whole life was shaped by trust and belief in God. They hear of God's faithfulness to people as it is revealed in the story of the Exodus.

Unit 3. We believe in God the Father Almighty.

Students investigate the personality of God as parent. They are invited to appreciate that God's love goes far beyond human limitations and yet learn how fatherhood and motherhood help us understand God. They are invited to see the Ten Commandments as a call to live life rooted in respect for self, for others and for God. They learn about formation of conscience and of a three step decision-making model—observe, judge, act.

Unit 4. We believe in God...the Creator of heaven and earth.

Students consider the wonder of creation and the ways in which God invites us to participate in creation and in God's creative action. They reflect on God as creator, read the biblical version of creation, and are invited to understand the relationship between biblical stories, science and history. They are invited to consider that to know and accept other people, they must accept their sexuality, their maleness or their femaleness, their physical gifts and limitations.

Unit 5. We believe in Jesus Christ his only Son.

Students explore what makes Jesus believable, and the ways the faith community identifies Jesus. Students consider the significance of the many titles for Jesus—Rabbi, Priest, Lamb of God, Prophet, Messiah, Son of David, the Nazarene, Saviour, Son of Man, Lord, Son of God. They are invited to reflect that through his actions, Jesus reveals God's care for us. People who encounter Jesus change. As a New Testament people we are likewise challenged to change.

Unit 6. We believe in Jesus...our Lord.

Students explore the nature of the kingdom of God and what it means to be part of that kingdom, and so address Jesus as Lord. In reflecting on the parables and on the 'Our Father' they are invited to understand that the kingdom is Jesus' call to a way of life based on loving relationships.

Unit 7. We believe in Jesus...who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

Students explore the ways in which God is with us in Jesus, in which God works with us, and in which we can work with God. They reflect on Mary as an example of one who hears the word of God and responds to it with her whole heart. They are invited to see Jesus as fully human and fully divine, and as the model of holiness. They study the geography and history of Jesus' homeland, Israel.

Unit 8. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead.

Students are invited to name the ways in which they give of themselves and make connections to the suffering and death of Jesus. They are invited to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and on how they can participate in Christ's sacrifice at the Eucharist. They are invited to consider Jesus' descent among the dead as signifying that the message of salvation is for all people in all times and all places.

Unit 9. On the third day he rose. He ascended into heaven.

Students are invited to name the hope which the resurrection of Jesus offers even during the most difficult moments of their lives. They are invited to reflect on experiences of resurrection. They consider the resurrection as the offer of new life in the face of death. They are invited to understand that Jesus can be heard in the Scriptures and seen in the blessing and breaking of bread.

Unit 10. He is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Students are invited to name the ways in which Jesus judges, and to understand that judgement is a call to be whole. Students reflect on conversion, heaven, hell, purgatory, repentence and true goodness.

As a result of participation in this program, students will:

- demonstrate a familiarity with and an ability to retell key biblical narratives that illustrate God's faithful relationship with a chosen people and the community's response to this relationship
- express connections between the relationships described in biblical events and their own life experiences
- show reverence for Scripture as God's living Word
- define human dignity and express its significance in Christian faith and practice
- name the articles of the Apostles' Creed as a summary expression of the Christian community's relationship with God and articulate some of the meaning of each article
- communicate their faith in ways that show a genuine understanding of the Apostles' Creed
- describe how the Creed is a summary of the faith community's understanding of who God is
- explain how the Creed calls them to make responsible choices and decisions in their everyday lives
- analyze (critique) events and personal decisions in light of a commitment to follow Jesus
- describe the relationship between real-life situations and the baptismal commitment to follow Jesus in the community of the Holy Spirit
- outline the ways that prayer deepens a relationship with God
- pray, using a variety of prayer styles
- participate in traditional forms of Catholic prayer.

The school, through the Religious Education Program, complements parents in their role as primary and principal educators of their children. Home and family play a vitally important role in the faith development of children. Within the family, seeds of faith are planted. Family relationships and daily experiences are major factors in shaping a child's values, attitudes and Catholic identity. Regular religious practice and the application of classroom learning to daily life are a critical part of religious formation.

Prayer is an integral part of the Religious Education Program and of each school day since intimacy with God is the ultimate goal of catechesis. Respecting the individual differences of children and our changing human needs, prayer is experienced in many different ways: silent reflection, guided imagery, scriptural prayer, song and formal community prayer. As we enter into prayer we give praise and thanks for God's loving presence, and call upon the Spirit to guide, nourish and empower our lives through Jesus Christ.

Teaching the sacraments occurs within each of the Religious Education Programs. Sacraments celebrate the presence of Christ in our lives. They are effective signs that make God's grace present to us in love, healing and the transformation of our lives. Eucharist and Reconciliation are an essential part of each child's religious formation and a necessary grounding for a mature faith. As with many basic themes, Eucharist and Reconciliation are introduced in Grade 1, but continue to be deepened and intensified in each year thereafter. Children who have not yet celebrated First Communion or First Reconciliation are always welcome to contact their parish to begin their immediate preparation for the sacraments.

The Religious Education Program is structured around the church liturgical year. This enables students to live and express faith in an integrated way at school, at home, and in the parish community.

Language Arts

In language arts, students will demonstrate increasing confidence in their abilities and competence in their use of language. Language arts emphasizes the lifelong application of reading, writing, viewing, listening and speaking. The five strands are interrelated and enable students to communicate ideas and feelings, develop critical thinking skills and contribute to their social and personal growth. The five language arts strands are integrated in a variety of themes and units. From grade to grade, students extend and refine the language skills they have already learned. Opportunities are provided for students to practise those skills in new contexts using more challenging learning materials.

In a Catholic school, students are invited to consider how the knowledge, skills and values studied within the language arts curriculum are integrated with other subject areas, including religious education, and reflect the Catholic identity of the school.

Reading

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- use and develop strategies for getting meaning from text that will enable them to predict, sample and confirm or correct their predictions as they read meaningful passages
- recognize that reading rate should vary depending on the reader's purpose and the complexity of the material
- ask questions based on their individual responses to what they read and respond to their own questions
- recognize and use different organizational patterns in fiction and non-fiction, such as chronological order and cause and effect.

Writing

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- choose a topic and select ideas for developing their writing
- demonstrate an ability to organize their writing for familiar audiences, such as friends, parents and teachers
- demonstrate increasing skill in including ideas relevant to the topic in the development of their writing
- use writing in all subject areas, not only to demonstrate knowledge, but also to discover what is known and to extend and clarify knowledge.

Viewing

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- develop an increasing ability to observe subtle aspects of the visual message that enhance its impact; for example, colour and shape of print
- recognize the difference between fact and fantasy in media portrayal of everyday life
- identify and understand the purposes, message and intended audience of visual communications; for example, advertising
- use their own knowledge and experience to help them understand and respond to visual messages.

Speaking

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

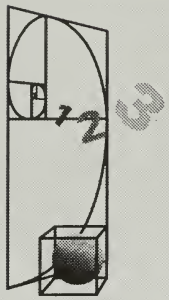
- develop competence in speaking to classroom groups to convey thoughts, feelings and information
- use group discussion to prepare for reading and in personal and critical responses to literature
- recognize obvious factors that impair group discussion, such as straying off topic, interruptions or one person dominating the discussion
- speculate on personal experiences and the experiences of others.

Listening

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- use and develop strategies for paying attention to, and getting meaning from, the message in listening situations
- develop awareness of accents and dialects in order to become more sensitive and understanding in reacting to the speech of others

- understand that the electronic media influences everyday life and be sensitive to the effects the media can have on a listener
- use knowledge of the speaker, knowledge of the subject and knowledge of the way the speaker has organized his or her talk to predict a speaker's purpose.



Mathematics

A new curriculum for Grade 7 mathematics is being introduced in Alberta in September 1996. The new curriculum is based on the Western Canadian Curriculum Framework that will be adopted by the four western provinces and two territories over the next few years.

The main goals of mathematics education are to prepare students to:

- **use mathematics confidently to solve problems**
- **communicate and reason mathematically**
- **appreciate and value mathematics**
- **commit themselves to lifelong learning**
- **become mathematically literate adults, using mathematics to contribute to society.**

Students are expected to:

- communicate mathematically
- connect mathematical ideas to other concepts in mathematics, everyday experiences and to other subjects
- use estimation and mental mathematics where appropriate
- relate and apply new mathematical knowledge through problem solving
- reason and justify their thinking
- select and use appropriate technologies as tools to solve problems
- use visualization to assist in processing information and making connections.

The mathematics curriculum is organized into four sections called "strands". These are number, patterns and relations, shape and space, and statistics and probability.

Number

Number Concepts

Students are expected to use numbers to describe quantities and represent numbers in a variety of ways and to demonstrate an understanding of numbers including whole numbers, decimals and integers.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- use numbers to describe quantity by using divisibility to determine if a number is divisible by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 or 10
  For example: There are nine players on a baseball team. If 365 people showed up for a tournament and, when the teams were made up, would there be anyone left over?
- use a divisibility rule to decide without dividing
  For example: Represent the 365 people with base-10 blocks and explain why the rule for 9 works. (Hint: How many groups of 9 are there in 100 and 10?)
- represent numbers in a variety of ways by reading and writing numbers to any number of decimal places
  For example: At his garage sale, Bryan priced comic books at 20 for $1.00. He wrote the price on each comic book as 0.05¢. Is this correct? Explain.
- demonstrate concretely and with pictures that the sum of opposite integers is zero
- represent integers in a variety of concrete, pictorial and symbolic ways
- compare and order integers.

Number Operations

Students are expected to demonstrate an understanding of and proficiency with calculations and decide which arithmetic operation or operations can be used to solve a problem, apply arithmetic operations on decimals and integers and illustrate their use in solving problems. They are also expected to illustrate the use of rates, ratios, percentages and decimals in solving problems.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- add, subtract, multiply and divide integers concretely, pictorially and symbolically
  For example: -7° with 15° warm-up gives an 8° final temperature.
- demonstrate an understanding of and proficiency with calculations by estimating and calculating percentages
  For example: You say that an increase from 5 to 20 is an increase of 300%, then that

means that a decrease from 20 to 5 must be a 300% decrease.
What is wrong with this reasoning?

- illustrate and explain the order of operations, using paper and pencil, or a calculator
  For example: Place the parentheses in the following equation to make it true.
  $4+5 \times 3 - 8 = 19$
- decide which arithmetic operation or operations can be used to solve a problem by explaining, demonstrating and using proportions in problem solving
  For example: Geela makes orange paint with 5 parts yellow to every 2 parts red. If she used 6 parts red, how many parts yellow would she need?
- estimate and calculate percentages
- distinguish between rate and ratio and use them to solve problems.
  For example: 15% tip on a meal is roughly double the GST shown on the receipt.

Patterns and Relations

Patterns

Students are expected to use patterns to describe the world and solve problems, to express patterns including those used in business and industry, in terms of variables and use expressions containing variables to make predictions.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- use patterns to describe the world and solve problems by predicting and justifying possible nth values of a number pattern
  For example: Stacks of filing trays can be made by spacing the trays with riser rods. Four riser rods are needed for each space between the trays. How many riser rods are needed for a stack of:
  3 trays?
  6 trays?
  Write a formula for the number of riser rods (r) in terms of the number of trays (t).
- use patterns and relations to represent simple oral and written expressions as mathematical symbols and vice-versa
  For example: Normal dogs have a total of 4n legs.

Variables and Relations

Students are expected to represent algebraic expressions in a variety of ways, use variables and to use equations to express, summarize and apply relationships as problem-solving tools in a restricted range of contexts.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- represent algebraic expressions in a variety of ways by writing mathematical expressions that arise from problem-solving contexts
  For example: An equal arm scale is balanced when there are three marbles on one pan and 410 g on the other. Write an equation to show this relationship.
- illustrate the solution process for one-step, single variable, first degree equation, using concrete materials or diagrams.

Shape and Space

Measurement

Students are expected to describe and compare everyday phenomena, using either direct or indirect measurement and to solve problems involving the properties of circles and their connections with angles and time zones.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- describe and compare everyday phenomena, using either direct or indirect measurement by solving problems involving the radii, diameters and circumferences of circles
  For example: Elena is making a tablecloth for a round table with a diameter of 90 cm. She wants an overhang of 10 cm. What length of fringe must she buy to decorate the edge of the tablecloth?
- explain how time zones are determined.

3-D Objects and 2-D Shapes

Students are expected to describe the characteristics of 3-D objects and 2-D shapes, analyze the relationship among them and to link angle measures to the properties of parallel lines.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- describe the characteristics of 3-D objects and 2-D shapes and analyze the relationship among them by explaining in more than one way why the sum of the measures of the angles of a triangle is 180°

  For example: Myra drew several triangles of different sizes and shapes and cut them out. She marked the vertices and cut off the three vertices of each triangle. Make some triangles like Myra's and explain how you can use the three vertices from each triangle to show that their sum is 180°.
- explain, in more than one way, why the sum of the measures of the angles of a triangle is 180°.

Transformations

Students are expected to create, analyze patterns and designs using congruency, translation, rotation, symmetry and reflection.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- perform, analyze and create transformations by creating, analyzing and describing designs, using translations (slides), rotations (turns) and reflections (flips)

  For example: Make a design by drawing this figure on paper and then making four turn images of the figure.

  Describe the turn centre, direction and degree of each turn so someone else, given the same figure, can replicate your design.
- draw designs, using ordered pairs, in all four quadrants of the coordinate grid, together with a translation and reflection images.

Statistics and Probability

Data Analysis

Students are expected to collect, display and analyze data to make predictions about a population and to develop and implement a plan for the collection, display and analysis of data, using measures of variability and central tendency.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- collect, display and analyze data to make predictions about a population by describing issues to be considered when collecting data, such as appropriate language, ethics, cost, privacy and cultural sensitivity
  For example: For each of these questions:
  – Is there a relationship between wrist circumference and height?
  – Does smoking cause lung cancer?
  – Does pet ownership enhance the quality of life for senior citizens?
  Explain what would be the most appropriate methods for collecting data.
  Identify potential ethical problems, the need for sensitivity to personal and cultural beliefs and cost when designing questions and collecting data.
- select, defend and use appropriate methods of collecting data; designing and using questionnaires, interviews, experiments or research
  For example: A year-end field trip.
- determine measures of central tendency for a set of data, such as mode, radius and mean
  For example: 12 different prices in a real estate development.
- determine measures of the distribution of a set of data, such as range, extremes, gaps, clusters and quartiles.
  For example: real estate prices.

Chance and Uncertainty

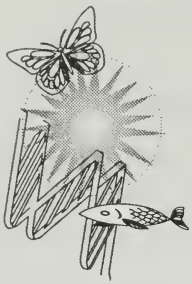
Students are expected to use experimental or theoretical probability to create, represent and solve problems involving uncertainty and probability.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- use the numerical definition of probability as favourable outcomes divided by possible outcomes
  For example: In pairs, draw a card from a deck of playing cards and record its value, regardless of the suit. Replace the card and draw again, recording the results. After doing this experiment 20 times, calculate the probability of drawing a jack from a standard deck of cards. Compare your results with another pair. Calculate the probability of drawing a jack based on the combined results of the class. Compare the results from your pair with those of the class. Calculate the theoretical probability of

drawing a jack from a regular deck of cards and compare it to the experimental results.

- create and solve problems, using probability
- use a table to identify all possible outcomes of two independent events
- create and solve problems, using the numerical definition of probability as favourable outcomes divided by possible outcomes.



Science

In science, students develop knowledge and skills that help them understand and interpret the world around them. At each level of the junior high program, students learn basic concepts from earth, physical and life sciences, and are challenged to apply what they have learned. Through their studies, students are expected to develop skills of inquiry and experimentation, skills of solving practical problems, and skills of finding and evaluating information.

In a Catholic school, students are invited to consider how issues of stewardship, morals, ethics and Catholic teaching can be integrated appropriately into the science curriculum.

The Grade 7 program consists of six required units of study. Each unit focuses on a particular topic and develops three common themes:

- Nature of Science
- Science and Technology
- Science, Technology and Society.

The six units of study are:

- Characteristics of Living Things
- Structures and Design
- Force and Motion
- Temperature and Measurement
- Micro-organisms and Food Supplies
- Evidence of Erosion.

Characteristics of Living Things

Students study living things, focusing on life cycles, adaptations and examples of stimulus-response. Inquiry skills emphasized in this unit are observing, classifying, designing experiments and interpreting results.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- be aware of techniques for monitoring life functions; for example, measuring pulse and breathing rate
- identify and control variables in a simple experiment
- classify materials as living and non-living
- infer the relationship of living things to their environments; for example, identify adaptations of animals that live in ponds
- identify and describe similarities between groups of living things; for example, compare birds and mammals
- describe and compare different life cycles; for example, life cycle of a frog and of a fish
- identify examples of adaptive structures; for example, specialized beaks of birds
- distinguish between instinctive and learned responses; for example, migration versus learning the location of specific food sources.

Structures and Design

Students learn about the purpose and design of structures, the selection of materials and the nature of different designs. They also develop skills of planning, constructing and evaluating.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- develop awareness and appreciation of the role of safety in good design
- identify alternative design solutions
- test a design by constructing a load-bearing prototype, using materials such as cardboard or wood
- evaluate the planning process
- recognize stems and skeletons as structural components of living things
- infer and describe the function of human-made structures
- recognize the relationship between choice of materials and the design used
- describe the function of different kinds of hinged components
- recognize costs to be considered in design decisions
- identify differences in requirements of structures built on earth and in space.

Force and Motion

Students study a variety of forces, learning how to recognize, measure and describe their effects. They learn about the causes and effects of friction and about motion in space.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- observe the effects of forces
- appreciate current technologies used in measuring force and mass
- predict consequences of forces; for example, predict changes in movement
- identify patterns and trends; for example, recognize how the length of a spring varies with the force
- infer force and motion relationships
- describe the direction of a force
- recognize and use units of force; for example, Newtons
- distinguish between mass and weight; for example, recognize that an astronaut's weight changes with location but that the mass does not
- identify factors that affect friction; for example, surface roughness

Temperature and Measurement

Students learn about the effects of heat on materials, and how to apply this knowledge to heat and measurement. Students learn about the nature of heat and its sources.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- respect precision in measurement
- identify and ask relevant questions
- observe the effects of heat on material
- develop theoretical explanations for the effects of heat on different materials
- describe temperature of materials in descriptive and non-quantitative terms
- calibrate a thermometer
- estimate temperature of materials in degrees Celsius
- describe the components of liquid thermometers and the functions of those liquids
- distinguish between the concept of temperature and the concept of heat
- recognize that different fuels may have different heat energy content.

Micro-organisms and Food Supplies

Students learn ways of preserving food supplies for human consumption. They learn about micro-organisms, the environments in which micro-organisms live, and methods to prepare and preserve food safely. They also study how scientific knowledge is used to make personal and public decisions.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- recognize the need for safety standards to prevent the spread of disease through food
- identify alternative ways to handle and process food; for example, drying, canning and pickling
- demonstrate responsibility through personal action
- identify practical difficulties in managing food supplies; for example, storing perishable foods for long periods of time
- describe variations in size, shape and movement of micro-organisms
- describe changes in food materials as they support the growth of a mould culture
- identify unsafe food handling procedures
- describe personal actions in ensuring the safety of personal food supplies.

Evidence of Erosion

Students learn about changes in the surface of the earth that result from erosion, transport and deposition of earth materials. Through this unit, students also learn about how scientific knowledge is developed and applied.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- appreciate the impact of people on the physical earth
- measure the depth of sediments and the rates of stream flow
- infer causes of phenomena observed; for example, recognize evidence of glacial action
- recognize evidence of weathering; for example, recognize that steeply sloping river banks are a sign of erosion at work
- identify wind, water and ice as agents of erosion
- observe and interpret the porosity of different earth materials
- identify the range and location of glaciers, past and present
- recognize and describe methods for controlling erosion.

Social Studies

Social studies helps students to learn basic knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to become responsible citizens and contributing members of society. The content of social studies includes the study of history, geography, economics, the behavioural sciences and humanities. Grade 7 social studies focuses on people and their culture. The content is organized around three topics that serve as the context for developing important skills and attitudes. In each topic, students are expected to address at least one issue and one question for inquiry. Suggestions for this inquiry are provided within the curriculum.

In a Catholic school, students are invited to consider how issues of social justice, the contribution of the Church to community (locally and globally) and Church teaching can be integrated appropriately into the social studies curriculum.

Three topics are identified for Grade 7.

Culture

To develop an understanding of culture, students will study culture in their own immediate environment: home, school and community. Based on this experience, students will develop a basic understanding of their culture that will help in the study of any culture.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- understand that communication in all its forms is how culture is learned
- understand that socialization is achieved through interaction with others
- understand that beliefs and values influence behaviour
- understand that individuals assume a variety of roles
- identify possible sources of information
- differentiate between main and related ideas
- draw conclusions about basic aspects of culture
- construct a retrieval chart outlining the major aspects of culture
- develop respect for the rights, needs, opinions and concerns of self and others.

Cultural Transition: A Case Study of Japan

To help them understand cultural transition, students will study the changes that have occurred in the Japanese culture in the past century.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- understand that change results from one or a combination of causes
- understand that change is a continuous process occurring unevenly within cultures
- understand that some aspects of culture are more enduring than others
- identify points of view expressed in cartoons, pictures or photographs
- read and interpret maps to identify relationships between geography and Japanese culture
- draw conclusions about cultural transition in Japan
- construct a chart outlining the major aspects of Japanese culture
- develop empathy for people experiencing change.

Canada: A Bilingual and Multicultural Country

Students develop an understanding of the bilingual and of the multicultural nature of Canada. They study this topic using the basic understanding of culture learned in the unit on culture. They will examine a variety of cultural groups, one of which will be Metis, Indian or Inuit.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- understand that cultural heritage is part of an individual's identity
- understand that Canada's population is made up of a variety of cultural groups
- understand that bilingualism recognizes the existence of two official languages
- understand that multiculturalism supports the existence of cultural diversity
- read and interpret maps to illustrate the various nations from which many Canadians or their ancestors immigrated
- understand bilingualism and multiculturalism in Canada well enough to discuss the general concepts and relationships
- identify and evaluate alternative answers, conclusions, solutions or decisions regarding questions and issues for inquiry and research on bilingualism and multiculturalism in Canada
- develop respect and tolerance for the rights, needs, opinions and concerns of others
- develop respect for the bilingual and multicultural nature of Canada.

Physical Education

Physical education programs foster active, healthful lifestyles that enable students to recognize the importance of accepting responsibility for their physical, social and emotional well-being. Students in a well-balanced physical education program are expected to be provided with opportunities in seven dimensions of activity: aquatics, dance, fitness, games, gymnastics, individual activities and outdoor pursuits. The expectations for physical education are the same for students in Grades 7, 8 and 9. Students are expected to demonstrate increased levels of performance during their three years in junior high school. As well as demonstrating the expectations in the seven activities, students are expected to demonstrate:

- physical skills in a variety of activities
- the practice and theory of physical fitness
- knowledge about physical activity and healthful lifestyles
- positive attitudes toward active living
- positive social skills.

Consideration for exemption from participation in physical education is given for health issues, physical capabilities, religious preferences, cultural preferences and availability of facilities.

Aquatics

Students are expected to:

- feel comfortable and confident in the water
- swim a variety of distances and take part in water games and sports
- understand and use safety and lifesaving skills
- develop appreciation and respect the water environment.

At least one exposure to a water and water safety program is suggested during the secondary years.

Dance

Students are expected to:

- develop body and space awareness and quality of movement
- create and perform individual, partner and/or group compositions
- analyze the various elements of rhythmical movement in dance
- appreciate the opportunities for self-expression, creativity, physical fitness and social interaction provided through dance
- appreciate dance as an enjoyable lifetime activity.

Fitness

Students are expected to:

- assess and apply acceptable training principles in designing personal programs to improve cardiorespiratory efficiency, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility, body composition and posture
- improve the motor fitness components of agility, balance, coordination, power, reaction time and speed
- plan, monitor and participate in a personal fitness program
- identify and apply safety precautions common to fitness activities
- understand the relationship of nutrition, rest, relaxation, exercise and sports to physical fitness
- know and apply the principles of first aid.

Games

Students are expected to:

- use sound mechanical principles efficiently in the throwing, catching and holding on to objects in game conditions
- understand rules, etiquette and safety precautions associated with a variety of games
- understand and appreciate etiquette and self-control in game situations
- appreciate the necessity to accept the roles of leader and follower in cooperative and competitive situations
- develop confidence and a desire to attempt new games or activities.

Gymnastics

Students are expected to:

- perform movements that result in balanced body strength and mobility
- use correct safety techniques where individual and/or cooperative assistance is required
- participate willingly as a performer and/or organizer of class events.

Individual Activities

Students are expected to:

- develop basic skills, techniques and forms associated with individual activities
- use acquired physical skills in a variety of individual activities
- monitor self-improvement and set personal goals in various individual activities
- care for the safety, effort and ability of self, partners, officials and instructors
- develop confidence and a desire to try new individual activities.

Outdoor Pursuits

Students are expected to:

- develop the basic skills, techniques and forms associated with outdoor activities
- develop an awareness of the natural environment for worthwhile, lifetime outdoor pursuits in all seasons
- develop social skills that promote acceptable standards of behaviour and positive relationships with others
- develop increased confidence, self-sufficiency and individual initiative.

Health and Personal Life Skills

Each person begins life with unique characteristics, capabilities, limitations and the potential to grow as a person. A health program that encompasses the multidimensional nature of the person helps students recognize their potential and become aware of alternatives that will enhance their personal lifestyle.

The Health and Personal Life Skills program encourages the involvement of community agencies. To promote accurate information exchange and to encourage ongoing health education, it is important to involve parents and community resource people in the health program. Health education is a responsibility shared with the home, school and community.

The Health and Personal Life Skills curriculum is arranged around themes. While the themes are repeated throughout the junior high program, the focus and content are different in each grade.

In a Catholic school, these themes are taught within the context of the teachings of the Catholic Church. The local Boards of many Catholic school districts have approved supplementary resources and adapted the curriculum to better meet the needs of their students, their families and their faith communities.

Self-Awareness and Acceptance

Students are provided the opportunity to develop attitudes of self-awareness and acceptance.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- understand the nature of self-concept
- understand the nature of feelings
- understand the relationship between values and decisions.

Relating to Others

Students learn that interpersonal relationship skills help individuals make decisions about behaviour that allow them to feel good about themselves and function positively within their environment.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- understand and appreciate their relationship with friends
- understand and appreciate their relationship with family members.

Life Careers

Students consider their personal interests, aptitudes and abilities in relation to career awareness and personal career planning.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- understand how personal and societal needs may be met through work
- understand that career planning is a lifelong process
- understand the relationship between individual characteristics, career development and personal satisfaction.

Body Knowledge and Care

Students acquire the knowledge and skills to help them make effective decisions and to care for their body.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- understand the relationship between lifestyle, health and individual responsibility for achieving wellness
- understand the importance of safety and emergency procedures when dealing with emergencies or injuries
- understand the need for accurate information when making decisions regarding drug use and lifestyle choices
- understand basic drug information relevant to adolescents.

Human Sexuality

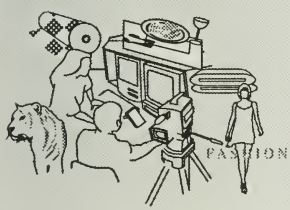
This theme emphasizes the individual nature of change, growth and the importance of one's family and personal values with respect to sexuality and sexual decision making. This unit is addressed within the context of Catholic teaching.

By the end of Grade 7, students are expected to:

- understand and accept the stages and levels of physical and emotional/personal development that occur during puberty
- understand the process of reproduction
- understand alternatives to pregnancy.

The lesson on contraception informs the student how each method works and the moral position of the church on that method.

Alberta Education requires that all schools offer the Human Sexuality theme of the health program. Parents will be notified when this theme will be offered. Parents decide if their child will participate in the human sexuality component.



Complementary Courses

In addition to required courses, junior high schools are required to offer two provincially authorized complementary courses. Complementary courses are offered in the areas of career and technology studies, environmental and outdoor education, fine and performing arts, religious or ethical studies, and languages other than English. The range of complementary courses offered varies from school to school dependent on such factors as student and parent preferences, facilities and staffing. Complementary courses are designed to reinforce the learning in required courses, and to provide opportunities for students to explore areas of interest and areas related to potential careers.

Career and Technology Studies

Career and Technology Studies (CTS) provides students with practical, hands-on learning experiences in the area of general career preparation and applied technology. In CTS, students have the opportunity to use and apply technology effectively and efficiently to solve problems and produce usable products within a career context.

Career and technology studies is organized into strands and modules. A strand is a group of modules designed to support a wide range of career and occupational opportunities. A module defines what a student should know and be able to do and, in general, takes about 25 hours to complete, although some students may need less or more time. Schools will select from the 21 strands and approximately 600 modules to design programs that are most relevant for the students and community. Students progress through a sequence of modules completing more challenging projects and activities in each module. In high school, students can build on what they learned in junior high school, developing career specific skills that will help them make a smooth transition into adult roles in the family, community, workplace and further education.

The 21 strands that comprise the CTS program are:

- Agriculture
- Career Transitions
- Communication Technology
- Community Health
- Construction Technologies
- Cosmetology
- Design Studies
- Electro-Technologies
- Energy and Mines
- Enterprise and Innovation
- Fabrication Studies
- Fashion Studies
- Financial Management
- Foods
- Forestry
- Information Processing
- Legal Studies
- Management and Marketing
- Mechanics
- Tourism Studies
- Wildlife

The CTS program offered in each school will vary depending on student and parent wishes, staff and facilities. Parents are encouraged to visit their local school to determine what CTS modules are offered.

Students in Career and Technology Studies are expected to:

- develop skills that they can apply in their daily lives now and in the future
- refine career planning skills
- develop technology-related skills
- enhance employability skills
- apply and reinforce learnings developed in other subject areas.

Environmental and Outdoor Education

In environmental and outdoor education, students learn to understand the consequences of human actions on environments. The course can be offered as a single course or as a sequence of courses.

Following completion of the course(s), students are expected to demonstrate:

- the basic knowledge, skills and attitudes required for safe and comfortable experiences
- understanding, respect and appreciation for themselves and others
- awareness and appreciation of living things
- understanding of basic ecological processes
- skill, judgement, confidence and sensitivity in a range of environmentally responsible activities in outdoor settings
- the ability to investigate the effects of human lifestyles on environment
- lifestyle strategies that encourage responsibility for local and global environments.

Ethics

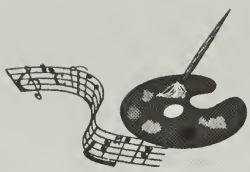
The ethics course is designed to help students become contributing, ethical and mature persons. The aim of the course is to help students become more thoughtful, to think of the interests of others, and to see ethical implications in their daily lives.

Students are expected to learn:

- working definitions of ethics and values
- decision-making skills
- about historical values and traditions
- about values of different cultural groups
- about their responsibility to their community.

Modules include:

- Winning and Losing
- Fairness and the Law
- Religion and Values
- Messages in Media.



Fine and Performing Arts

In a Catholic school, students are invited to consider how the knowledge, skills and values studied within the fine arts curriculum can be used to understand the religious dimensions of art, liturgy, music and history. They are also used directly to enhance the religious and spiritual culture of the school, and to celebrate the various liturgical feasts of the year.

Art

In art, students are expected to learn how to express their personal feelings and intuitions and to become art critics. To achieve this, students are expected to use traditional and contemporary tools, materials and media, to think like artists, to value the art creation and to value the art form. The expectations for art are the same for students in Grades 7, 8 and 9. Students are expected to demonstrate increased levels of performance during the three years in junior high school.

Three areas—drawing, compositions and encounters—provide the framework for the junior high art program.

By using a variety of materials and techniques, students are expected to:

- depict the visual world through drawing, painting and sculpting
- increase technical competencies in drawing, painting and sculpting
- develop competencies in composition and use of multiple media
- develop a vocabulary for critiquing their art work in a positive way
- use the proper vocabulary of art criticism
- investigate natural forms and man-made structures as source subjects
- compare natural and man-made artifacts
- understand the impact of artistic expression on cultures and across cultures.

Drama

Drama encourages students to explore a variety of dramatic roles and develop a range of dramatic skills. Students set up a dramatic situation, act out the situation and reflect on the consequences. It is this reflection that provides the knowledge for self development and improved performance. Through the five disciplines in the junior high drama program, students learn about the different forms and standards of drama and theatre.

The five disciplines are:

- **movement**—physical, non-verbal expression
- **speech**—exploration of talking and speaking to effectively communicate ideas
- **improvisation**—acting out of an idea or situation
- **theatre studies**—an introduction to the elements of drama and theatre
- **technical theatre**—stage construction and the use of sound, lighting, makeup, costumes, sets and props.

Music

Instrumental music, choral music and general music are the three distinctive, yet related, programs in the junior high music curriculum. Development in any of these programs requires student involvement as a performer, listener and composer.

The **instrumental** music program is designed to be a sequential and developmental approach to music instruction in either a wind percussion program or strings program.

The **choral** music program provides opportunities for students to develop and increase musical competency through singing, listening, creating and reading music.

The **general** music program covers a wide variety of musical areas from composition to performance, history and the basics of music.

The five main goals of junior high music are to enable students to:

- develop skills in listening, performing and reading music
- strive for musical excellence

- understand, evaluate and appreciate a variety of music styles
- develop self-expression, creativity and communication through music
- increase their awareness of the history of music and the role of music in their lives.

Locally Developed Courses

School boards may develop courses to be innovative and responsive to local and individual needs. Contact the school to learn about locally developed courses available in your jurisdiction.

Languages Other Than English

French as a Second Language

In Alberta, French as a Second Language (FSL) is a program in which the French language is taught as a subject, often between 20 and 40 minutes a day, to help students develop communication skills, language knowledge and cultural awareness in French.

Depending upon a school board's language policy, French as a Second Language program in junior high schools may be offered as an option or it may be compulsory. School boards may begin the program at different grade levels, since the program is based on developing language proficiency over a grade or grades without being grade specific. Many schools start the elementary program in Grade 4, but others may not begin until Grade 7 or later.

The program is designed to teach students how to understand what they hear and read in French and to communicate their ideas orally and in written form, using an approach that is based on real-life experiences and situations. Students will also acquire knowledge about local, provincial and national francophone groups to become more aware of their presence and to better understand them. Students learn the French language vocabulary and grammar through thematic activities and projects that are related to real-life language experiences. At the same time, students are taught specific language learning strategies that will help them become better second language learners.

The program is organized into three language proficiency levels—Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced. Each of these proficiency levels is then further divided into three sublevels. In junior high schools, students start at the Beginning Level and progress through the Beginning 1, Beginning 2 and Beginning 3 sublevels. It could take students one or more school years to reach a particular language proficiency level, depending upon when the students start the program and how much time is given to French instruction in the school.

Students entering junior high school may either begin their French language experience or they can continue developing their language proficiency, depending upon the level that was attained in elementary school.

For those starting French in junior high, the language content is based upon the concrete experiences of junior high students. These experiences provide a real-life context for understanding ideas in French and for communicating similar ideas. Each level has its own set of experiences that fall into the following areas:

Beginning 1

- School
- People Around Us
- Weather
- Animals
- Holidays and Celebrations

Beginning 2

- Community
- Clothing
- Exercise
- Food
- Housing

Beginning 3

- Activities
- Vacations
- Fine Arts
- Trades and Professions
- Hygiene and Safety

As students work through these experiences, they develop their ability to understand and communicate in French. At the end of each level, the students must demonstrate the following knowledge and skills:

Beginning 1

The ability to understand simple ideas contained in listening texts, such as the temperature in a weather forecast.

The ability to talk about concrete ideas, using simple sentences to identify, list or describe people, places or things and to ask simple questions. For example, students could talk about their family by naming the members of the family, giving their ages and birthdays.

Beginning 2

The ability to understand simple ideas contained in listening texts, such as understanding directions to the corner store and to understand simple reading texts, such as understanding the main food items on a menu.

The ability to talk and write about concrete ideas, using simple sentences to identify, list or describe people, places or things, and to ask simple questions. For example, students could provide their address, phone number and order pizza over the telephone. They could also write a simple note to describe their house to a pen pal.

Beginning 3

The ability to understand simple ideas contained in listening texts, such as a recorded message of flight departure times, and to understand simple reading texts, such as the safety rules on a safety week poster.

The ability to talk and write about concrete ideas, using a number of simple sentences to identify, list or describe people, places or things, ask simple questions, give information and simple advice. For example, students could phone a travel agency to ask for prices for different travel destinations. They could also write a simple announcement for the school's Night of Music concert to promote it in the community.

Once students have attained a Beginning Level 3 language proficiency, they will then move into the next proficiency level which is Intermediate Level 4.
At the Intermediate level the following set of language experiences are developed:

Intermediate 4
- Health and Exercise
- Holidays and Celebrations
- Clubs and Associations
- Shopping
- Senses and Feelings

Intermediate 5
- Close Friends
- Fashion
- Social Life
- Outdoor Activities
- Advertising

Intermediate 6
- World of Work
- Trips, Excursions or Student Exchanges
- Money
- Role of the Media
- Conservation and the Environment

At each of these levels, the students work through these experiences to continue developing their ability to understand and communicate in French.
At the end of each level, the students must demonstrate the following knowledge and skills:

Intermediate 4
The ability to understand main ideas and some details contained in listening and reading texts that are familiar and somewhat predictable, such as understanding some key ideas given in a radio program concerning someone's feelings, or understanding the main ideas and some details contained in travel brochures in order to decide which place would be the most appropriate for a school trip.

The ability to talk and write about concrete topics, using

Intermediate 5
The ability to understand main ideas and most details contained in listening and reading texts that are familiar and somewhat predictable, such as understanding almost all of the key ideas and most details presented in a fashion show, or understanding all the main ideas and most of the details contained in an article discussing simple survival techniques.

The ability to talk and write about concrete topics, using

Intermediate 6
The ability to understand all main ideas and almost all of the details contained in listening and reading texts that are somewhat familiar but less predictable, such as understanding almost all of the key ideas and most details presented in a televised interview on how to be successful in a job interview, or understanding all the main ideas and most of the details contained in an article discussing an environmental project.

The ability to talk and write about mostly concrete but sometimes abstract topics, using a series of simple and complex sentences, to

simple and complex sentences, to compare or describe people, places or things, or to give or ask for information or advice. For example, students could talk about their club on a radio talk show and invite people to join, or they could write about what they are feeling in a journal entry.

simple and complex sentences, to compare or describe people, places or things, to give or ask for information or advice, or to narrate events in the past. For example, students could talk about their friends and what friendship means to them, or they could write a letter to a francophone pen pal.

compare or describe people, places or things, to give or ask for information or advice, or to narrate events in any tense. For example, students could simulate carrying out a job interview or they could write a formal letter to a company on its environmental practices.

Once students have attained the Intermediate 6 language proficiency level, they will then move into the Advanced Level 7 in senior high school.

French Immersion

French immersion is a program in which French is the language of instruction for a significant part of the school day. Several subjects, or all of them possibly when students are in Grades 1 and 2, are taught in French.

In addition to learning what is identified for courses such as mathematics, science and health, French immersion students also want to acquire full mastery of the English language, functional fluency in French as well as an understanding and appreciation of the French culture. Graduates of a French immersion program are able and willing to participate with confidence and competence in French conversations on a variety of topics. Should they so wish, they are able to take further education as appropriate to their abilities and interests with French as the language of instruction. Finally, they are able to accept employment where French is the language of work.

French immersion students perform very well in all subject areas on system-wide and provincial tests. Their average scores are often above the norm. This finding has been replicated many times not only in Alberta but across Canada.

A guide for parents of students in French Immersion, "Yes, You Can Help", is available from the Learning Resources Distributing Centre at 427–2767 or toll-free outside of Edmonton at 310–0000.

Native Languages

Blackfoot and Cree language and culture programs are designed to enable students to learn Native languages and to increase awareness of Native cultures.

Students are expected to:

- learn basic communication skills in Blackfoot or Cree
- develop cultural sensitivity and enhance personal development
- develop originality and creativity
- develop a desire to improve their competency in Blackfoot or Cree.

Ukrainian

The Ukrainian bilingual program is designed for native speakers of Ukrainian and for students who speak other languages and wish to learn Ukrainian.

Students are expected to:

- obtain specific information from teacher-selected sources
- recognize how to express personal feelings, ideas and opinions
- effectively organize and present information of interest to their peers
- share feelings; share and support ideas and opinions
- respond personally to a variety of literary forms
- use literature and other art forms to reflect creatively upon experiences of general interest
- recognize and be sensitive to differences or similarities in cultures
- recognize the contribution of the lifestyle of Ukrainians to the wider community.

In a Catholic school, both within the Religious Education Program and along with the study of the Ukrainian language, many aspects of the life and faith of the Ukrainian Catholic Church are studied and celebrated.

German

The German bilingual program is offered by some jurisdictions in selected schools.

Students who enrol in German bilingual programs are expected to develop:

- awareness of the values and behaviour patterns of native speakers of German
- appreciation of the contributions of German speaking people to civilization
- understanding of the structure and functioning of the German language.

Other Languages

Some schools may offer courses in other languages. Contact your school board office for information about language programs that may be available.

Feedback

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Grade 7

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